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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR UNSYG WALDHEIM

FOR THE AMBASSADOR

1. YOU OR AN APPROPRIATELY SENIOR MEMBER OF YOUR STAFF SHOULD CONTACT WALDHEIM, WHO WE UNDERSTAND IS OVERNIGHTING IN PARIS EN ROUTE TO THE MIDDLE EAST, AND CONVEY FOLLOWING TO HIM.

2. BEGIN MESSAGE. WE HAVE SEEN REPORTS THAT SYG WILL MEET WITH PLO CHAIRMAN ARAFAT DURING HIS MIDDLE EAST TRIP. SYG IS OF COURSE AWARE OF THE SENSITIVITY IN ISRAEL TO ANY DEVELOPMENTS THAT APPEAR TO ENHANCE INTERNATIONAL STATURE OF THE PLO. EMOTIONS IN THIS RESPECT WILL BE RUNNING PARTICULARLY HIGH IN AFTERMATH OF YESTERDAY'S TERRORIST INCIDENT AGAINST ISRAELI SETTLEMENT ON GOLAN HEIGHTS, COMING AS IT DID IN WAKE OF RECENT PASSAGE IN

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GA OF ZIONISM AND PALESTINIAN RESOLUTIONS. SUCH ISRAELI

REACTIONS OF COURSE GREATLY COMPLICATE OUR EFFORTS TO
FIND WAY TO ENGAGE PARTIES IN FURTHER STEPS IN THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS. THEY ALSO COMPLICATE OUR EFFORTS TO EXPAND SUPPORT FOR NEGOTIATIONS IN AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION. IT IS INEVITABLE THAT ANY MEETING SYG HAS WITH ARAFAT

WILL RECEIVE CONSIDERABLE PUBLICITY. WE THEREFORE HOPE THAT SYG, IN REACHING DECISION ON WHETHER OR NOT TO MEET WITH ARAFAT AND IN PUBLIC HANDLING OF ANY MEETING WHICH MAY TAKE PLACE, WILL BEAR THESE CONSIDERATIONS IN MIND AND WILL PLAY MATTERS IN LOWEST POSSIBLE KEY.

END MESSAGE.

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